

## PRACTICES REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION, AMONGST THE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES OF GUJARAT

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### ABSTRACT

**The World Health Organization (WHO)**, defines 'Environmental Sanitation', as "the control of all those factors in man's physical environment, which may exercise a deleterious effect on his physical development, health and survival." Indian Tribal people form very important part of our total population. It shows the heart of our traditions and civilization. Ethnic tribal people in India live close to the areas of forests, since many years. They have managed and conserved it since long time. Tribal people extremely depend on the nature as their day to day life practices are closely associated with the environment. Thus, the present study puts stress between Environmental Sanitation and Tribal people. The present study was undertaken to understand the **Overall Practices of selected men and Women of selected four Tribal Villages of Jambughoda Block, Panchmahal District, and Gujarat**. The study had **Descriptive survey design** and it was conducted in four selected tribal villages, namely Dhanpuri, Sadada, Katkoi and Kharedivav of Jambughoda Block, Panchmahal District, Gujarat. 120 tribal men and women were selected, by using purposive sampling technique. Data was collected by structured Interview Scheduled. The major finding of the Study was that, nearly majority of the respondent's tribal men and women followed practices of environmental sanitation to the lower extent.

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